

**DIGEST OF COMMENTS AND OTHER TESTIMONY  
PROVIDED AT PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PART 1. GENERAL POLICY PERSPECTIVES AND STATEMENTS**

**A. Juvenile Justice as a System**

1. Juvenile Justice System in Louisiana is not a System (EBR 23; LC 11; LC 44; TAM 9)
2. Need Systemic/Comprehensive Approach (LAF 19; MON 7; ORL 31)
3. Need Comprehensive Strategy (EBR 10; TAM 10; TAM 19; JEFF 1; JEFF 18; JEFF 19)
4. Need Continuum of Services (EBR 1; EBR 8; EBR 11; LAF 2; LAF 20; LC 5; LC 20; LC 39; LC 40; SB 7; ORL 17)
5. State/Local Government and Communities are Stakeholders (EBR 11; LAF 2; LC 24; MON 7)
6. Need More Collaboration among Agencies (EBR 7; EBR 9; EBR 10; EBR 13; EBR 19; EBR 25; LAF 7; LAF 23; LC 3; LC 11; LC 16; LC 17; LC 24; ALEX 5; ALEX 23; MON 26; TAM 10; JEFF 30; ORL 23; ORL 29; ORL 31)
7. Need Seamless, Comprehensive, Integrated Service Delivery System (EBR 7; ORL 21)
8. Need Constant Communication Among All Affected Parties (LC 31; LC 36; ALEX 33)
9. Need to Identify Local Leadership to Change Our Fragmented Service Delivery System (LC 44)
10. Need Coordinated, Standardized Juvenile Justice System Funded by the State But Essentially Operated at the Local Level (SB 26; MON 7)
11. Delinquency, Child Protection, Prevention -- All Come Under Umbrella of Juvenile Justice (SB 34)

12. Many OCS Clients are Denied Services From Other Agencies, Private and Public, Because They Have the Potential of Getting Services through OCS' Limited Treatment Resources (MON 5)
13. Need to Look at Which Agency within the Many Service Delivery Agencies Should be the Custodian of the Child and, Therefore, Not at Which Agency Can Be the Provider for the Child (MON 5)
14. Need a Multi-Disciplinary Approach Whereby All Service Agencies That Have the Ability to Deal With Issues Step Up and Deliver the Services to Deal With The Issues (MON 5)
15. It is Time to Stop Separating Out Responsibilities for Families and Children and Laying Blame and Criticism on One Another (MON 5)
16. FINS Has a Multi-Disciplinary Approach; No Need to Create a New One (MON 6)
17. Need One-Shop/One-Stop Model (LC 2)
18. Consolidate Different Programs under One Umbrella (SB 32)
19. Need a Centralized System (MON 26; JEFF 30)
20. Need for an Integrated Service Delivery System with a Central Point of Entry (JEFF 7)
21. The Juvenile Justice System Has No Strategy or Plan (ORL 18)
22. Need Community-Wide Collaboration (ORL 24)
23. Need a Vision Encompassing Education, Economic Development, and Everything Else (ORL 29)
24. Need Juvenile Justice System Statewide to Provide Equal Services Statewide (TAM 9)
25. Different Agencies Deny Assistance Because Child "Does Not Meet Criteria" (TAM 18)
26. As Part of a Comprehensive Strategy, Everyone Should Take Responsibility for Their Part in the System and Their Problems (TAM 19)

## **B. General Funding and Resource Gaps**

1. Need More Funding/Lack of Basic Resources (EBR 9; EBR 14; EBR 17; EBR 27; LAF 19; LC 2; LC 3; LC 16; LC 26; ALEX 1; ALEX 3; ALEX 26; ALEX 30; ALEX 33; SB 7; SB 11; MON 7; TAM 3; TAM 8; TAM 10; TAM 23; JEFF 7; JEFF 18; JEFF 20; JEFF 22; JEFF 23; ORL 16; ORL 44)
2. Single Pooled Budget Concept (EBR 9)
3. Not Enough Placements Appropriate to Needs of Children (LAF 23; LC 16; ALEX 3)
4. Lack of Fairness in Funding Allocations (EBR 17; ALEX 2)
5. Need to Move from Low Bids to Best Bids (LAF 20; LC 20)
6. Leverage Greater Private Funding Through Collaboration (LC 3)
7. Need to Prioritize Spending; Fund Programs That Work (SB 4; SB 32; ALEX 32; JEFF 23)
8. Kids with Multiple Problems Need Resources for Addressing these Long-term Problems (SB 8)
9. State Puts Sports and Tourism Ahead of Kids (EBR 23; JEFF 23; ORL 29)
10. TANF and AFDC Have Never Had Sufficient Funds to Meet the Needs of Families (EBR 26)
11. Concept of Co-investing by Agencies (EBR 7)
12. Improvement in Services to Children Requires Finances and Manpower (SB 19)
13. Fund Existing High Quality Programs in Southwest Louisiana Rather Than Create New Agencies and Initiatives (LC 41)
14. Concern About Court Costs (MON 9; MON 11)
15. Need to Put Children First (TAM 1; JEFF 22; ORL 23; ORL 29)
16. Need to Look at How State Allocates Funding; Prevention Program Money is Usually Spent on Lock-Up Activities (ALEX 32)
17. Stop Talking about Money. The Funeral Costs More Than Education (ORL 19)
18. Too Much Focus on Saints and Basketball and Not Enough on Kids (ORL 29)

19. Resources are Dwindling for Youth (ORL 44)
20. Resources Presently in Place are Good, But Need Improvement in Services (TAM 4)
21. Need Money or Treatment Options for Dealing with Juvenile Arsonists (TAM 5)
22. Help Fund Case Management Services to Keep Manageable Caseloads (TAM 7)
23. Need Money for Pilot Sites and Programs (TAM 10)
24. Need to Spend Money More Effectively (TAM 21)
25. Cannot Squeeze Social Services Any More; Need Adequate Funding for Social Services (TAM 23)

**C. Community-Based Services**

1. Meet Needs of Children and Families in their Communities (EBR 28; LAF 2; LAF 3; LAF 9; LAF 20; LAF 28; LC 20; ALEX 13; ALEX 23; SB 7; MON 7; MON 21; JEFF 2; JEFF 12; JEFF 30; ORL 9; ORL 24; ORL 38)
2. Decentralize Resources (EBR 7; EBR 14; EBR 22; LAF 3)
3. Long-term Solutions Will Come From Community (LAF 2; LC 5; MON 7)
4. Need Network of Community-Based Services (LAF 14)
5. Need Community-Based Interventions Incorporating the Values of the Community (LC 20)
6. Need to Put More Services in Our Communities Such As Truancy Prevention, More Substance Abuse Treatment, Mentoring, After-School Programs, and Educational Programs That Focus on Prevention (MON 5; ALEX 13)
7. Need to Create More Community-Based Merit Incentives for Offenders (ALEX 23)
8. Need Community-Wide Collaborations, Such as SASA (ORL 24)
9. Do Not Confine Juveniles Far Away from Their Homes (TAM 7)

#### **D. Prevention and Early Intervention**

1. Need for Prevention and Early Intervention (EBR 1; EBR 2; EBR 8; EBR 9; EBR 11; EBR 13; EBR 15; LAF 2; LAF 4; LAF 22; LAF 28; LC 2; LC 3; LC 5; LC 11; LC 13; LC 21; LC 26; LC 27; LC 40; ALEX 1; ALEX 2; ALEX 7; ALEX 8; ALEX 13; ALEX 15; ALEX 22; ALEX 23; ALEX 27; ALEX 29; SB 7; SB 20; SB 34; MON 2; MON 4; MON 7; MON 11; MON 19; MON 21; TAM 3; TAM 8; JEFF 2; JEFF 13; JEFF 20; ORL 3; ORL 9; ORL 13; ORL 14; ORL 16; ORL 17; ORL 19; ORL 21; ORL 22; ORL 24; ORL 33; ORL 34; ORL 49)
2. Focus Resources on Front-End (LAF 23; LC 16; ALEX 14; ALEX 15; ALEX 23; ALEX 25; ALEX 30; ALEX 33; MON 4; TAM 11 ORL 17; ORL 34)
3. Because of the Lack of Front-End Services, Children Currently Get Better Services on the Back-End of the System (LAF 23; LC 16)
4. Prevention Should Begin in Early Childhood, especially K-6 (MON 2)
5. Intervention Should Address Children Already Demonstrating High-Risk Behaviors (MON 2)
6. Help Kids Early at Home (ORL 19)
7. Need Broader Array of Culturally Competent Intervention Services (ORL 24)
8. Need Risk Reduction for the Special Needs Juveniles Before They Go to Juvenile Court (ORL 24)
9. Early Intervention is the Key (ORL 33)
10. Spend Money on Preventing Drug Abuse (TAM 13)
11. For Every Dollar Spent on Prevention; Can Save Seven Dollars in Incarceration Costs (TAM 12)
12. Spend Money Preventing Out-of-Wedlock Births (TAM 14)
13. Good Prevention Programs are Based on Research and Science (TAM 14)
14. Intervention, Intervention, Intervention is Critical (ORL 50)

**E. Assessment and Early Identification of Needs**

1. Need to Properly Assess and Identify Needs (EBR 14; LC 11; LC 27; LC 40; ALEX 5; ALEX 35; MON 16)
2. Need to Identify Potential Problem Children Early (LC 1; ALEX 2; ALEX 5; ALEX 7; MON 4; MON 16; ORL 16)
3. Need to Look at and Begin with Needs of Families (EBR 28)
4. After Assessment, Need Something Like Educational IEP to Plan Services for At-Risk Child (LC 1)
5. Need Authority to Force Parents to Allow Early Assessments on Kids in Schools (LC 18)
6. Need Instrument for Assessing the Needs of Parents (JEFF 22)
7. Need to Find Out Why Kids Aren't Learning and Are Behaving Badly (MON 25)
8. Need Community Assessment Centers: One on East Side of Parish; One on West Side (TAM 6)
9. Need Juvenile Assessment and Service Center (TAM 7)
10. Need Mental Health Assessment Services (TAM 8)
11. An Assessment and Service Center is the Future (TAM 18)
12. Need Timely Educational Assessment of Children (ORL 51)

**F. Accountability and Evaluation**

1. Need More Agency Accountability (EBR 7; EBR 22; LAF 9; ALEX 23; ALEX 33; SB 12; SB 21; MON 21; ORL 17; ORL 18; ORL 21; ORL 44)
2. Need to Monitor and Evaluate Client Services (EBR 14; LAF 20; LC 40; SB 32; MON 3)
3. Need to Monitor Mental Health Facilities and Hold Them Accountable (SB 21)
4. Need Accountability in Child Care (SB 26)
5. Need to Make Workers in Service Agencies More Accountable (JEFF 22; ORL 17)

6. Need Program Accountability (ALEX 9; ALEX 23; JEFF 30)
7. Failure of the System to Address Repeat Offenders (ALEX 5)
8. Need Civilian Review Board for Juvenile Justice (ORL 2)

**G. Information and Referral Services**

1. Need One-Stop Information and Referral Service to Help Parents and Children Find Needed Resources for Early Intervention (LC 35)
2. Need to Publicize Availability of Services through a Directory (SB 34)
3. Need a Catalog of No-Cost and Low-Cost Services (MON 24)
4. Availability of Services Not Well Known (JEFF 22; JEFF 30)

**H. Other Desired General Characteristics of System**

1. Need Culturally Diverse Solutions (LAF 3)
2. Need to Validate Positive Traits (LAF 19; LC 20)
3. Need Structure and Competency Development for Children (LAF 19)
4. Need More Volunteers and More Personal Involvement to Meet the Needs of Youth (EBR 27)
5. Detention, Shelter, and Treatment Programs Need to Link to State Programs (LAF 2)
6. Need to Emphasize Character Building, Education, Individual Group Counseling, Aid for Mental Health, and Services for Developmentally Disabled Offenders (LAF 2)
7. Need Structured, Nurturing Environment (LAF 21)
8. Need Real Interventions with Well-Skilled Professionals (LAF 21; LC 20)
9. Need Meaningful Community Service Work (LAF 21; LC 20)
10. Need to Find Ways for People to Understand the System and its Problems (LC 24; LC 25)

11. Need Advocates for Children and Parents in the System (LC 25)
12. Need to Uphold the Rights of Victims of Crime (LC 27)
13. Treatment Maxim: Children Don't Care about How Much You Know Until They Know How Much You Care (LC 42)
14. Treat Children as Individuals (SB 21)
15. Consider How Children Learn and Develop When Implementing Programs (SB 26)
16. Create a Culture of Non-Violence (SB 26)
17. Provide Mental Health Assistance (SB 26)
18. Make Mothers Safe to Keep Children Safe (SB 26)
19. Need to Create a Better Social Infrastructure to Help Parents Provide a Better Environment for Children (SB 31)
20. Juvenile Justice Affected by Problems of Poverty, Lack of Social Infrastructure, Bad Housing, Inadequate Child Care, and Lack of Transportation (SB 31)
21. People Can Only Be What They Learn (SB 31)
22. Promote Community Voluntarism (SB 32)
23. First Offenders Need to Know the Consequences of Their Actions; Community Volunteers Can Help Communicate These Consequences (SB 32)
24. Rehabilitation Must Be Explored as a Major Factor In Breaking the Cycle of Juvenile Crime (SB 34)
25. Legal System Needs to Be More in Tune With Best Interests of Children (MON 2)
26. Need Meaningful Training Throughout the System (MON 3; ORL 38)
27. Juvenile Justice Outcomes Will Always be Negatively Affected by the Low Pay of Workers; Need to Provide Adequate Compensation (MON 3)
28. Licensure Should Apply to All Service Providers, Including State-Operated Facilities and Detention Centers (MON 3)

29. Need to Place Children in Appropriate Services (MON 26; JEFF 30)
30. Need to Believe That Troubled Children Can be Rehabilitated (MON 28; MON 29)
31. Need Consistent Standards of Care (JEFF 7)
32. Services Should be Developmentally Appropriate for Children and Families (JEFF 30)
33. Juvenile Justice in Louisiana is Unjust; Need a System That Demonstrates Care and Concern for Children (ORL 2)
34. Need to Lower the Age of Culpability (ALEX 2)
35. Need to Improve Communication between Juveniles and Adults (ALEX 15)
36. All Services and Programs Must Pass the "My Kid" Test (ALEX 23)
37. Juvenile Issues Are Complicated; Should Not Point Fingers (ORL 19)
38. Need Multi-Disciplinary Teamwork (ORL 23)
39. Where There is No Love, There is No Reform; You Will Never Reform That Which Has No Value to You (ORL 39)
40. Concerned About Children Being Tried as Adults; Need More Treatment Programs, Especially Mental Health Services (ORL 43)
41. Must Provide Counseling and Treatment for Children We Can Save, For Victims of Abuse and Sexual Offenses (TAM 1)
42. Need to Move Away From Adult-Based System (TAM 7)
43. Do Not Need More Programs or More Adult Programs (TAM 9)
44. Should Not Have to Convict Juveniles in Order to Protect Them or Provide Services to Them (TAM 18)
45. Children Need Real Advocates (ORL 50)

## **I. Planning and Implementation**

1. Need to Look at Best Practices in Other States (EBR 14; ORL 32)

2. Need to Create a Public Campaign for Children Similar to Anti-Pollution Campaign (EBR 27; LAF 21; LC 25)
3. Need an Implementation Plan (EBR 28; SB 13)
4. Do Not Need Another Needs Assessment; Plenty of Good Models Out There (LC 13)
5. Consider Having Juvenile Justice Advocacy Day in Baton Rouge (LC 47)
6. Develop Mission Statement, Goals and Operating System Philosophy Addressing Both Public Safety and Rehabilitation, to be Endorsed by State (MON 3)
7. Publicize Philosophy, Mission Statement, and Goals (MON 3)
8. State Should Engage in More Research, Long-Term Planning, and Direction, Anticipating Demographics and other Trends (MON 3)
9. Meaningful Dialogue at the Front-End Should Begin Between State Agencies and Local Program Providers (MON 3)
10. Create Juvenile Delinquency and Prevention Boards Throughout the State (SB 7; TAM 8; JEFF 2)
11. Should Look at Collaboration That is Already Working (e.g. the Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Etc.) (LC 29)
12. Need to Think Outside of the Box (ALEX 33)
13. Desire St. Ministries Willing to Help Commission (ORL 10)
14. Need Plan Development: Gather Information on System (ORL 13)
15. Need Plan Implementation: Identify a Working Group to Develop the Plan With Long- and Short-Term Goals (ORL 13)
16. Need Best Practices to Provide Guidelines to Providers (ORL 13)
17. Need a Comprehensive Plan for Juvenile Justice (ORL 18)
18. Need a Clear Holistic Policy on Juvenile Justice in Louisiana (ORL 21)
19. Instill in Kids a Belief in the Juvenile Justice System; the Vast Number of Kids Don't Believe That the System is Fair (ORL 28)

20. Need to Come Up With a Vision Encompassing Education, Economic Development, and Everything Else (ORL 29)
21. In the 1970's a Juvenile Justice Plan Was Developed But Never Implemented (ORL 31)
22. Right Now There is No Coordinated System and No Mandate (ORL 31)
23. It is a Case of Pay Now or Pay Later; As Helen Keller Said: The Only Thing Worse Than Being Deaf and Blind is Having Sight But No Vision (ORL 32)
24. We Know What We Have to Do (TAM 9)
25. Give Money to Help Programs Like Hope House, Which are Always Desperate for Money (TAM 14)

**J. Restructuring**

1. OCS System Not Designed to Handle FINS, Delinquency, Drug Use (EBR 6; EBR 7; ALEX 34; MON 5)
2. Need Seamless, Comprehensive, Integrated Service Delivery System (EBR )
3. Single Pooled Budget Concept (EBR 9)
4. Child Welfare System Designed in Categorical Manner into Vertical Domains. Makes it Difficult for a Child to Move from One System to Another (EBR 7)
5. Need Specialized Regional Courts to Address Juvenile Justice Needs (LAF 7; SB 13; JEFF 20)
6. Need Unified Family Court System (LC 4; ORL 42)
7. Need Specialized Juvenile Courts (LAF 10; LC 27)
8. Need to Transfer Responsibility for Juvenile Corrections from DPSC to Another Entity (SB 12; SB 18; SB 28; MON 21; JEFF 8)
9. Need Full-Time Juvenile Court and Staff (SB 29; ALEX 27; ALEX 36)
10. From a Procedural Standpoint, the Juvenile Justice System is Okay; Do Not Fix What is Not Broken (SB 34)

**K. Management Information Systems/Data Management**

1. Need Centralized Database (EBR 13; LAF 7)
2. Need to Allow/Encourage Data Sharing among Agencies (EBR 13;LAF 7; ALEX 27; ALEX 33; TAM 10; JEFF 14)
3. Agencies Need to be Able to Track Children and Share Information (LC 19; LC 20)
4. Need State-of-the-Art Computerized Methods to Guide Referral to the Continuum of Services (LC 39)
5. TASC and FINS Need to Get Information From Schools as Quickly as Possible (SB 1)
6. Kids are Not Tracked in System and Information is Not Shared (LC 17; JEFF 14)
7. Need Information Systems to Track Child Sexual Assault Cases and to Track Children Who are Witnesses to Homicides (ALEX 26)
8. Need Intra-State Regional Databases to Share Information about Crime/RAP Sheets (ORL 16)

**L. Changes in Law**

1. Consider Changing Law That Allows Adult Charges to be Enhanced by Juvenile Charges (LAF 12)
2. Need to Revisit the Statutes on Mental Health Commitment (LC 9)
3. Need to Repeal Laws Requiring Mandatory Sentencing of Juveniles; Mandatory Sentencing is Not Good (LC 30)
4. Legislation is Needed to Allow TASCs to Address Truancy from K-12 (SB 3)
5. Age limits for TASC and FINS Need to be Made the Same (SB 3)
6. Consider Changing Article 897.1 of the Louisiana Children's Code to Provide Better Long-Term Public Safety (ALEX 22; SB 7; MON 7; TAM 8)
7. Abuse Cases Should be Adjudicated in a Criminal Not a Civil Procedure (SB 17)
8. Legislature Needs to Pass Legislation Imposing Sanctions for Violations of Status Offenses and Give the Courts Needed Authority. Sanctions Could Include Fines, Community Service, Placement in Non-Secure Facilities, and

Incarceration for Adults (MON 2)

9. Consider Establishment of a Juvenile Parole Board (SB 7; MON 7; JEFF 2)
10. Need to Change Law Requiring Certain 17-Year Olds to be Sent to Adult Jail (JEFF 28)
11. Need to Lower the Age of Culpability (ALEX 2; ALEX 6; ALEX 15)
12. Fingerprint and Photograph All Juvenile Offenders (ALEX 16)
13. Media Should be Able to Report on Juvenile Crimes As Long As Names Are Not Revealed (ALEX 16)
14. Zero Tolerance Policies Should be Banned (ALEX 16)
15. Louisiana Children's Code is Good (EBR 9; ALEX 23)
16. Cannot Have Jury Trials for Juveniles; Would "Bog Down" an Already Overworked System (TAM 1)

**M. Need to Address Family Problems and Needs**

1. Need to Find a Way to Solve Family Problems (LAF 4; ALEX 1; ALEX 33)
2. Parents Need to be Made to be More Responsible (LAF 4; LAF 8; LC 19; ALEX 14; ALEX 16; ALEX 20)
3. Real Solution to Crime Rests with Parents and Churches (EBR 3; LC 37)
4. Need Greater Parental Responsibility (EBR 3; LC 18; LC 19; LC 37; ALEX 1 MON 3)
5. Truancy is a Family Problem (EBR 13; LC 19; MON 10)
6. Need to Train Parents and Children on How to Access the System (EBR 15; LC 35)
7. Many Parents Have Problems Raising Their Children Because They Have Been Victims of Rape and Molestation (LC 34)
8. Parents With Troubled Children Need Help Not Bashing (ALEX 35; SB 16)
9. Need to Provide Educational Opportunities to Parents on Welfare (SB 31)
10. Need Character Intervention in Our Homes (MON 12)

11. Breakdown of Family (MON 17)
12. Problem of Single-Parenthood and Lack of Male Role Models (MON 18; ORL 22)
13. Kids Need Role Models and Mentors (MON 25)
14. Need to Involve Parents in Juvenile Justice Process (JEFF 2)
15. Delinquent Parents Are a Real Problem (ALEX 7)
16. Need to Hold Parents Responsible for Children's Access to Guns (ALEX 14)
17. Too Many Kids from Louisiana Are From Single-Family Households; It Takes Two Parents to Properly Raise a Child (ORL 22)
18. A Stable, Nurturing Family Is Necessary (ORL 34)
19. Need Family and Community Contacts to Successfully Rehabilitate Juveniles (TAM 4)
20. Young People Are Hurt Beginning in Their Homes (TAM 13)
21. Working with Children and Their Families Is the Most Essential Part of the Comprehensive Strategy (TAM 19)

**N. Role of Government**

1. Role of Government: create an Environment for Proper Child-Rearing (EBR 3)
2. Government is not the Solution or Whole Solution (EBR 3; LC 37; MON 18)
3. Role of Criminal Justice System is to Respond to Criminal Conduct (EBR 3)
4. Role of Criminal Justice System Is to Keep Bailing the Boat Until You Find the Leak (EBR 3)
5. Criminal Justice System Addresses the Symptom (EBR 3)
6. Tendency in Government to Solve Problems for People; but These Type of Problems are Solved Child by Child, and Family by Family (EBR 3)
7. Government Has Not Made Children a Priority (SB 20)

**O. Role of Education**

1. Education is the Key to Solving Juvenile Justice Problems (SB 3)
2. Need to Teach Teachers and Other Educators How to Work with Juvenile Problems (SB 22)
3. Education Should be Available to All (MON 3)
4. Need to Rely on Education to Provide Learning and to Improve Behavior (MON 28)
5. Most Kids Need to be in School, Not Prison (ORL 19)
6. Stop Talking about Money; the Funeral Costs More Than Education (ORL 19)
7. Help Students at School (ORL 19)

**P. Role of Faith-Based Institutions**

1. Real Solution to Crime Rests with Parents and Churches (EBR 3)
2. Faith-Based Prison Ministries Have Good Programs (EBR 23)
3. Need More Volunteers in Faith-Based Prison Ministries (EBR 13)
4. Faith-Based Initiatives Relating to Abstinence and Substance Abuse Have been Effective (MON 17)
5. Problems are Spiritual (MON 18)
6. Use Faith-Based Institutions to Involve Parents (JEFF 2)
7. Faith-Based Initiatives Successful in Teaching Moral Values, Decreasing Heinous Crimes (TAM 13)

**Q. Status and Causes of Juvenile Crime**

1. Juvenile Crime is Symptomatic of a Societal Problem (EBR 3)
2. Poverty and Crime are Related (EBR 26; MON 17; ORL 3)
3. Families Need Livable Incomes (EBR 26)
4. Younger Children are Becoming more Involved in Truancy (EBR 18)

5. Rise in Severity of Juvenile Crime (EBR 18)
6. Rise in Drug Use and Distribution (EBR 18)
7. More Cases of Juvenile Battery and Aggravated Battery (EBR 18)
8. More Transfer of Juveniles to Adult Court (EBR 18)
9. Need Full-Employment (EBR 28)
10. Need Decent Family Incomes (EBR 28)
11. People Discarded From the Economy Feel They Have No Value (LAF 3)
12. More Serious Juvenile Crime Today (LC 25)
13. Juvenile Crime is Facilitated by the Type of Popular Culture We have (LC 49)
14. Linkage of Abuse and Neglect and Delinquency (EBR 7; LC 40; SB 17; TAM 14; ORL 3; ORL 19; ORL 51)
15. Need to Understand Causes of Juvenile Crime (SB 28)
16. Breakdown of Family as a Factor in Juvenile Crime (MON 17)
17. Educational Failure as a Factor in Juvenile Crime (ORL 3)
18. More Younger Children Have Problems That Used to be Associated with Teenagers (ALEX 7)
19. Most Adult Offenders in Louisiana Prisons Were Once Juvenile Delinquents (ALEX 13)
20. Research Shows That Only About 8% of Juvenile Offenders are Chronic Offenders (Alex 23)
21. Kids Need a Safe and Healthy Environment; 86% of Kids in Delinquency Talk about Bullying and/or Teasing as a Precursor to their Delinquent Behavior (ORL 12)
22. SHOCAP Shows That Only About 5-6% of Youth Do Most of the Crimes (ORL 16)
23. Of the Approximately 1,929 Cases He Gets in Indigent Defense, One Third are Drug Cases and One-Third are Drug-Related (ORL 26)

24. Many of the Children in the Youth Study Center of N.O. are the "New Millenium Children" Who are Arrested for Possession of Stolen Property, Marijuana, Etc. We are Not Getting to the Root of the Problem (ORL 33)
25. Not Concerned About the Violent Offender. Concerned about Youth with Serious Psychiatric Illnesses, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Diabetes (ORL 33)
26. Cautions Against Using the Hearing as a Means for Targeting Children for Arrest; Real Problem is White Supremacy, Racism and Uncle Tomism (ORL 36)
27. Need to be Realistic; A Safe Community Demands That We Deal with Incurrigible Youth (TAM 1)
28. Sexual and Physical Abuse is the Root of the Problem with Juveniles (TAM 14)

## **PART 2. PERSPECTIVES AND STATEMENTS REGARDING INCARCERATION, LOCAL DETENTION, PROBATION, ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS AND DIVERSION**

### **A. Incarceration**

1. Solution is Not to Lock up Everybody; Goal is Not to Lock up Anybody (EBR 3)
2. Cost and Difficulty of Telephone Communication Between Parents and Incarcerated Youth; Issue of 1-800 Number (EBR 12; LAF 14; LC 7)
3. Need "Adopted Families" or Mentors to Communicate by Phone with Incarcerated Youth (EBR 12)
4. Inadequate and Insufficient Medical Services at Juvenile Prisons (EBR 12)
5. Problem of Guards Selling Contraband in Juvenile Prisons (EBR 12; LAF 9)
6. Lack of Adequate Educational Services at Some Juvenile Prisons (EBR 12)
7. Study Ohio Plan to Reduce Incarceration (EBR 14)
8. State Over-Reliance on Incarceration (EBR 22; EBR 23; LAF 2; LC 5; SB 7; MON 7; MON 21; JEFF 2; JEFF 30; ORL 18)
9. Serious Problems in State Juvenile Prisons (EBR 23)
10. Need Volunteers to Work in Prison Ministries (EBR 23)
11. Rehabilitation Programs in Prisons Are Not Working (EBR 13)
12. Concerned About Safety and Efficacy of Secured Detention (EBR 24)
13. Has Heard of Physical Abuse by Guards, Isolation of Prisoners, Lack of Privacy Lack of Parental Communication, and Inadequate Education (EBR 24)
14. Need Smaller Facilities with Single Prisoner Rooms and Full-School Days (EBR 24)
15. Need HIV Testing in the Juvenile Prisons (EBR 25)
16. State Needs to Hire Better Quality Guards (EBR 25)
17. Guards are Verbally and Physically Abusive (EBR 25; LAF 9; ORL 4)
18. Limited Availability of Secured Detention (LAF 2)

19. Child Abused and Molested at Tallulah (LAF 5)
20. Transportation to Tallulah is a Problem (LAF 5)
21. Have not Been Able to Talk to Child in Juvenile Prison (LAF 5)
22. Tallulah is too Big; Non-Violent Kids Mixed With Violent Kids (LAF 9)
23. Secured Detention Has Not Benefited Son (LAF 18)
24. Son was Using Drugs in Juvenile Prison (LAF 18)
25. Disproportionate Minority Representation in Both Secure and Unsecured Facilities (LC 5; ALEX 5; MON 7; MON 21; ORL 33)
26. Juvenile Prison System Is Not the Answer; They are Overcrowded and Cannot Provide the Needed Rehabilitative Services (LC 6)
27. Visits by Ministers to Juvenile Prisons are Too Restricted (LC 7)
28. Kids in Juvenile Prison Adapt to the Wrong Things (LC 7; LC 37)
29. Juvenile Prisons Should Be Places of Treatment and Not Just Punishment (LC 8)
30. Juvenile Offenders are Treatable and Can Become Productive Members of Society (LC 8)
31. Violence in Juvenile Prison System is Making Inmates Worse; Reform of the Juvenile Prison System is Past Due; It is Critical (LC 32)
32. Need to Talk to Prison Workers About the Types of Children in the Prison and the Risks of Releasing One Versus Another (LC 33)
33. Prison System Needs to Learn How to Help Parents Become Better Parents (LC 33)
34. Prison System Does not Work (LC 34)
35. Knows Children That Have Been Raped and Molested in Prison and are Now Full of Anger (LC 34)
36. Level of Education in the Juvenile Prison System Should Be Comparable to the Level That Child Would Have Had in School (LC 42)
37. Need to Create an Incentive-Based Educational System in Prison; Good

- Grades Have Real Regards Attached to Them, Such as Reduction of Sentencing Time, Etc. (LC 42)
38. Need to Increase the Compensation of Those Working in the Juvenile System, Perhaps through Supplemental Pay (LC 42)
  39. Need Sensitivity Training for Employees (LC 42)
  40. Two Most Common Mental Illnesses of Children in Juvenile Detention Are Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Conduct Disorder (LC 43)
  41. Need Multi-Modal Treatment Approaches (LC 43)
  42. Tallulah Should be Closed (ALEX 31; SB 12; MON 21; JEFF 8; ORL 38)
  43. Need Smaller, Regional Detention Facilities (SB 18)
  44. Need to Look at Correctional Models in Other States (SB 28)
  45. Create Program to Provide AA Services to Incarcerated Juveniles with Substance Abuse Problems (SB 30)
  46. Need Separate Facilities for Sex Offenders (SB 29)
  47. No Mentally Ill Child Should be Sent to a State Correctional Institution Because There are No Available Mental Health Treatment Services (MON 3)
  48. "Pat Solutions" Such As Building More Prisons for Juveniles or Locking Up Fewer Juveniles is not the Answer in and of Itself. Instead, We Must Look at All of Our Services (MON 5)
  49. Lack of Resources Causes Migration of Mental Health Cases to Delinquency Status (LAF 2; MON 3)
  50. Mentally Ill Grandson was Abused in Prison; State Should Provide Resources for Treating Such Abuse (MON 16)
  51. Some Juveniles in Prison Should be Referred to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Centers (MON 16)
  52. Most Common Disorders of Children in Juvenile Prisons are Conduct Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Hypertension, Developmental Delays, Post Trauma Stress Disorders, Developmental Disabilities, and Co-Existing Disorders (MON 16)

53. Grandson was Treated Badly at Tallulah (MON 22)
54. Use Proceeds from the Closure of Tallulah to Assess Currently Incarcerated Juveniles to Determine More Appropriate Placement (JEFF 8; ALEX 31)
55. Need Job Training for Incarcerated Youth before They Re-enter Society (JEFF 12)
56. Need Concentrated Funding in the First 3 to 6 Months After Juvenile Leaves Corrections for After-Care and Re-integration into the Community (JEFF 12)
57. Need to Better Train Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers on the Appropriate Ways to Work with Children Diagnosed as Having Mental Illness (JEFF 30)
58. Numerous Problems in Juvenile Prisons (ALEX 2)
59. Incarceration Should be Last Resort (ALEX 5; ALEX 6)
60. Status Offenders Should not be in Secured Detention (ALEX 23)
61. The Goal for Incarceration of Juveniles Should be Rehabilitation (ORL 4)
62. Need More Appropriate Treatment Services in Juvenile Prisons (ORL 4)
63. We Do Not Want Troubled Youth Coming Out of Juvenile Incarceration Worse Than When They Entered (ORL 4)
64. Son's Jaw was Broken at Tallulah; But Mother Was Not Notified of the Injury (ORL 5)
65. There is Very Little Education Going On in the Juvenile Prisons (ORL 5)
66. Having Trouble Enrolling Her Child Who Was Released From Tallulah in School (ORL 5)
67. Within Last Three Months, Seeing More Kids Released from Incarceration Needing Mental Health Services without Any Discharge Plan (ORL 9)
68. The Clinics Need More Information on Kids Released from Juvenile Prison; Some of the Released Children are Taking Psychotropic Medication (ORL 9)
69. There is a Need for Better Communication Regarding Referrals; When Juveniles are Discharged, Someone Needs to Call the Clinic Ahead of Time to See If the Child Can be Served by that Clinic (ORL 9)

70. USA Incarcerates at a Rate Higher Than Any Other Nation; Louisiana Incarcerates African-American Youth at a Rate Higher than Other States (ORL 11)
71. Decrease Funding for Incarceration; Divert These Funds to Prevention (ORL 11; ORL 17)
72. Incarceration is Not Always the Answer; But Incarceration is Needed (ORL 16)
73. While Some Kids Need to be Institutionalized, Most Kids Need to be in School (ORL 19)
74. Need to Address the Damaging Impact Incarceration Can Have on Kids and Families (ORL 24)
75. Need Less Incarceration and More Rehabilitation (ORL 38)
76. Need to Train and Support People Who Work with Kids in the System (ORL 38)
77. Need More Alternatives to Incarceration for Youth; We Need Funding Streams to Meet the Needs of the Child -- Not Just Focus on Incarceration (ORL 44)
78. Of the 500 Juveniles Defended Last Year by the Mental Health Advocacy Service (MHAS) One-Third to One-Half of Them Were in Threat of Incarceration; Only Four Were Incarcerated (ORL 48)
79. Have Three Tiers of Offenders; No Place to Put Juveniles; Florida Parishes Facility is Filled; Need Treatment and Mandated Treatment of Offenders and Victims; Need Incarceration for Serious Offenders (TAM 3)
80. Cannot Forget Chronic Violent Juvenile Offenders; Need Incarceration Options (TAM 15)
81. 60% of Juveniles in the Four State Facilities are there for Non-Violent Offenses (TAM 17)
82. OYD Facilities Fail to Protect Children (TAM 18)

**B. Local Detention and Boot Camps**

1. Need New Detention Facilities (EBR 13; ALEX 27)
2. Need Standards and Uniform Licensing Procedures for Local Detention Facilities (LAF 1; LC 6; MON 8; TAM 15; TAM 16)

3. Lafayette Parish Correctional Center Provides Good Services to Parents and Their Children (LAF 34)
4. Need Mandates to Make Local Government Pay for Detention Facilities (LC 1)
5. Increase of Juveniles Detained with Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Sexual Offender Issues in Local Detention (LC 6)
6. Because of the Lack of In-Patient Services, Local Juvenile Detention Facilities are Having to House Children for Too Long (LC 6)
7. Bossier Needs Juvenile Justice Complex Like Caddo (SB 4; SB 11)
8. Caddo Detention Facility Has a Shortage of Beds (SB 10; SB 24)
9. Caddo Boot Camp Needs Funds (SB 24)
10. Need Pre-Adjudicative Boot Camps (SB 18)
11. Bossier Youth Shelter is Short of Beds (SB 25)
12. Need Third-Class of Correctional Facilities besides Secured and Non-Secured Facilities That Will Keep Children Safe for Short Periods (SB 29)
13. Create Program to Provide AA Services to Incarcerated Juveniles with Substance Abuse Problems (SB 30)
14. Need More Boot Camps for Boys and/or Girls (LAF 10; ALEX 14 SB 34; MON 4)
15. Need Pre-Adjudication Detention Facilities (ALEX 19; MON 12)
16. Need Additional Detention Beds in Orleans (ORL 1)
17. Need Detention Centers in All Regions (ALEX 2; ALEX 17; ALEX 22; ALEX 27)
18. Need Detention Facility for Repeat Offenders (ALEX 20)
19. Need More Detention Facilities in Rural Areas (ALEX 28)
20. The Youth Study Center (YSC) in N.O. is the Largest Juvenile Detention Center in La. (ORL 33)
21. 63% of the Children at the YSC are African American Males; 34% are African American Females; Shows Disproportionate Minority Representation. (ORL 33)

22. Nowhere to Put Violent Youths Other Than the Florida Parishes Facility Which Has Limited Bed Space (TAM 1)
23. Have Three Tiers of Offenders; No Place to Put Juveniles; Florida Parishes Facility is Filled; Need Treatment and Mandated Treatment of Offenders and Victims; Need Incarceration for Serious Offenders (TAM 3)
24. Florida Parishes Detention Facility Needs More Bed Space (TAM 16)
25. Need to Improve Infrastructure and Recreational Space in Detention Facilities (TAM 16)
26. Need to Pay Corrections Officers Commensurate with Their Training and Accreditation (TAM 16)
27. Need Training Classes for Officers, Money for Pay Raises (TAM 16)
28. State Pays Less Money for Bed Space at an Unsecured Facility, Even Though These Facilities are as Expensive to Operate (TAM 16)

**C. Probation**

1. Shortage of Funding for Juvenile Probation (EBR 4; ORL 4)
2. Need to Increase the Number of Probation Officers (EBR 15; ALEX 5; ORL 4)
3. Probation Officers are Overworked (EBR 15; LC 33; MON 7; ORL 4)
4. Fund OYD Properly (EBR 19)
5. Lack of Proper Educational Requirements for Police and Correctional Officers (LAF 20)
6. Difficulty Getting Information on Nephew from Probation Officer (LAF 32)
7. Probation Officers in Orleans Have 90 to 100 Cases Each (ORL 4)
8. There is a Connection between Education and Juvenile Justice; There is a Lack of Intervention in the Area of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders; Judges and Probation Officers Need Education in This Area (ORL 35)

9. Need to Get Judges and Probation Officers to Work with Kids; Not Set Them up to Fail. If a Child Was in a Wheelchair, You Wouldn't Ask Him to Get Up and Walk, But We Ask Youth to "Behave" and "Go Back to School and Do Well" When They Have Real Disabilities That Prevent Them From Doing This (ORL 35)

**D. Diversion/Alternative Sanctions/Informal Processing**

**General**

1. Court Needs Range of Options - More Diversionary Programs (LAF 9; LAF 10; LAF 12; ALEX 19; TAM 2; TAM 6; ORL 2; ORL 4; ORL 16; ORL 44)
2. Need Graduated Sanctions; Juvenile Prison Should be Last Resort (ALEX 5)
3. Many Juvenile Offenses Do Not Need to be Brought to Formal Juvenile Court (ALEX 13)
4. Need to Think in Terms of Support Rather Than Sanctions for Children (ALEX 13)
5. Need More Alternatives to Incarceration (ORL 16; ORL 18)
6. We are Wasting Money Turning Behaviors into Delinquency; a Lot of Cases Should be Handled Informally (ORL 26)
7. Need System of Graduated Sanctions (TAM 2; TAM 6)
8. Need Focused Appropriate Sanctions (TAM 9)
9. DA Needs to Be Present at Group Counseling Sessions (TAM 21)
10. Need FINS-Type Coordination in Delinquency Area (TAM 23)

**Families In Need of Services (FINS)**

1. FINS Program is Good (EBR 15; LAF 7; LC 1; LC 12; LC 15; LC 20; LC 28; ALEX 37; MON 6; MON 10; JEFF 3; ORL 16)
2. FINS Program Needs More Funding (LAF 2; LAF 4; LAF 8; LAF 10; LAF 34; LC 15; ALEX 1; ALEX 22; SB 7; SB 20; MON 7; MON 10; TAM 8; TAM 19; JEFF 3; ORL 16)
3. Problems Accessing FINS Services (LAF 8)
4. Need More Services for FINS (LC 28)

5. Clients Referred to FINS Cannot Always Afford the Services Recommended to Them (LAF 34; MON 24)
6. Parents and Kids Need to be Made More Accountable for Non-Compliance with FINS agreements; Need Some Sanctions (LC 15; LC 28; SB 29; MON 2; MON 11)
7. FINS Needs More than Just Contracts. It Needs Real Interventions Requiring Well-Paid, Skilled Professionals to Provide Intensive Interventions (LC 20; SB 20)
8. FINS Has Become Too Bureaucratic; Program Drowning in Paperwork (LC 28)
9. Need Some Power and Authority over Parents in Status Offense Cases (SB 29)
10. Legislature Needs to Pass Legislation Imposing Sanctions for Violations of Status Offenses and Give the Courts Needed Authority. Sanctions Could Include Fines, Community Service, Placement in Non-Secure Facilities, and Incarceration for Adults (MON 2)
11. FINS Needs to be Able to Provide Early Intervention Strategies to Dysfunctional Families (MON 4)
12. Need Parish-Wide Community Service Program for Kids Not Complying with FINS (LC 15)
13. Need More Services for FINS (LAF 10; LC 15; JEFF 4)
14. TASC and FINS Need to Get Information From Schools As Quickly As Possible (SB 1)
15. Age limits for TASC and FINS Need to be Made the Same (SB 3)
16. FINS is a Very Flawed Program; Part of that Social Worker Program Stuff (MON 11)
17. Need for Accountability in System (JEFF 3)
18. Specific Problem with FINS Addressed Privately (JEFF 25)
19. Dissatisfaction with FINS Program (JEFF 26)
20. Teachers Work in a War Zone; Could Fill FINS Tenfold (ALEX 39)
21. Need a FINS Program in Tangipahoa Parish (TAM 18)

### **Truancy Programs**

1. TASC Centers are Good (LAF 4; LAF 8; MON 10)
2. TASC Centers Need More Funding (LC 3; MON 10)
3. Losing the Truancy War; Need to Have Sanctions to Ensure Compliance (SB 4)
4. TASC and FINS Need to Get Information From Schools as Quickly as Possible (SB 1)
5. Legislation is Needed to Allow TASCs to Address Truancy from K-12 (SB 3)
6. Age limits for TASC and FINS Need to be Made the Same (SB 3)
7. Need to Improve School Attendance (MON 10)

### **Other Diversion Programs**

1. Marine Institute Program is Good (EBR 19; EBR 20; LC 48; JEFF 6)
2. Youth Challenge Program is Good (EBR 21; LAF 12; ALEX 4; ALEX 14; SB 6; SB 34; MON 13; MON 28; TAM 20; JEFF 5; ORL 25)
3. Teen Court is Good Program (LAF 10; SB 2; SB 4; ORL 7)
4. Family Tree Program is Good (LAF 34)
5. Drug Courts Need More Funding (LC 3)
6. Bossier Has Had Great Success with Use of Ankle Bracelets (Electronic Monitoring ) (SB 25)
7. Against Erasing District Attorneys From System Through Court-Sponsored Diversion Programs (MON 11)
8. Need Correctional Programs and Facilities for Children Under 16 (MON 27)
9. Son is Not Being Helped by Current Correctional System (MON 27)
10. Sheriff Lee's National Young Marine Programs is Effective (JEFF 9)
11. Need to Have a Restorative Justice Program (JEFF 21; ORL 15; ORL 23)

12. Need Funding for Orleans Teen Court (ORL 7)
13. Juveniles Could Assist in Clean-Up Efforts Instead of Being Sent to Detention (ORL 12)
14. Restorative Justice Principles are Valuable, But They Only Work in the Community Not in Jail (ORL 18)

**PART 3. PERSPECTIVES AND STATEMENTS  
REGARDING PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES**

**A. Mental Health Services/Issues**

1. Shortage of Mental Health Services and Facilities (EBR 4; EBR 13; EBR 16; EBR 28; LAF 23; LAF 24; LC 6; LC 39; ALEX 6; ALEX 9; ALEX 24; ALEX 25; ALEX 30; ALEX 31SB 11; SB 16; SB 18; SB 20; SB 27; TAM 7; TAM 15; TAM 18; ORL 6; ORL 9; ORL 24; ORL 41; ORL 43; ORL 51)
2. Money for Mental Health Services Should Go to Hospitals (SB 33)
3. Lack of Resources Causes Migration of Mental Health Cases and Developmentally Disabled Cases to Delinquency Status (LAF 2; LC 5; SB 7; SB 27; MON 3; MON 7; MON 26; ORL 26)
4. Need More Mental Health Services before Offenders Enter System (LAF 23; SB 27)
5. Need More Resources for Chronic Psychiatric Cases (LAF 24; SB 20; SB 27)
6. Proposed Hiring Freeze Will Badly Affect Mental Health Services (LC 9; LC 47)
7. U.S. Surgeon General Reports That We are Facing a Crisis in Mental Health for Children and Adolescents (LC 39)
8. 60 to 75% of Incarcerated Youth in Louisiana Have a Mental Disorder (LC 39)
9. Mental Health Problems Have to be Severe before One Can Begin to Get Services (SB 20)
10. Mental Health Services are Discontinued as soon as Some Progress is Shown (SB 20)
11. Need Mental Health Services for Older Children (SB 20)
12. Need More Standards for Mental Health Treatment Facilities (SB 21)
13. Children in Some Mental Health Institutions Suffer from Staff Violence (SB 21)
14. Need to Monitor Mental Health Facilities (SB 21)

15. Need Faster Forms of Mental Health Therapy (SB 29)
16. Need Individuals to Get Involved in Mental Health Issues (SB 33)
17. Need Help with Out-Patient Mental Health Services (SB 33)
18. Need to Intervene with Mental Health Strategies before Age 17 or 18 (SB 33)
19. Youths with Mental Illness are Having to Stay Longer in Juvenile Detention Centers (LC 39)
20. Need Mental Health Facilities for Dealing with Long-Term Mental Illness (ALEX 9)
21. Less Than 10% of Those with Mental Illness Get the Care They Need (ALEX 24)
22. In-Home Therapies are among the Best Places to Put the Money (ALEX 25)
23. Intensive Therapies, Such as Multi-Systemic Therapy, are among the Best Places to Put the Money (ALEX 25)
24. Fourteen-Year Old Boy Was Sexually Molested and Developed PTSD. Has Been Suicidal and Has a Variety of Behavioral Problems. Son Had 14 Instances Where He Needed Acute Psychiatric Care But Never Got What He Needed. Finally the Mother Had to Relinquish Custody of the Child to the State So That He Might Have Treatment (ORL 6)
25. A Parent Should Not Have to Give Their Child Away to Get Him Programs and Services (ORL 6)
26. Grandmother of Severely Mentally Ill Child; Need More Community Mental Health and Family Support Services (ORL 41)
27. Racism Affects the Delivery of Mental Health Services; Programs Need to be Cognizant of Such Racism (ORL 43)
28. Of the 500 Juveniles Defended Last Year by the Mental Health Advocacy Service (MHAS) One-Third to One-Half of Them Were in Threat of Incarceration; Only Four Were Incarcerated (ORL 48)
29. Need Mental Health Assessment Services (TAM 8)
30. Need Mental Health Services for Juveniles in Detention (TAM 15)
31. Mental Health Services Should be Provided in Schools (TAM 21)

**B. Substance Abuse Services/Issues**

1. Need More Services for Substance Abusing Teenagers and Families (EBR 4; LAF 21; LAF 35; LC 27; ALEX 29; MON 2; TAM 11; TAM 12; ORL 26)
2. Lack of Beds in Substance Abuse Residential Programs (EBR 4; LC 6; LC 45; MON 2; JEFF 16)
3. Need to Increase Number of Half-Way House Beds for Substance Abusers (LAF 35; LC 45; JEFF 20)
4. Need Court-Mandated Parenting Program to Obtain Greater Parental Involvement in Treating Substance-Abusing Youth. (LC 38)
5. Need Exponential Program Component to Drug Program Whereby Children Can Benefit from an Experience and Then Carry That Experience Back to a Talk Therapy Group (LC 38)
6. Need Appropriation in FY 2002-2003 to Develop a Family Program for Substance Abuse in the Lake Charles Area (LC 38)
7. Drug Prevention Programs are being Developed in Every Parish (LC 38)
8. Create AA Program in Juvenile Prisons and Detention Facilities to Assist Children with Substance Abuse Problems (SB 30)
9. Bastrop Has a State-of-the-Art Substance Abuse Facility That is Very Effective (MON 20)
10. Jefferson Parish Juvenile Court Drug Court Program is Effective (JEFF 27)
11. Heroin Use Among Juveniles is on the Increase in Orleans (ORL 1)
12. Need Detox Treatment Services and Bed Space in Orleans (ORL 1)
13. Problems with Second-Generation Crack Babies (ALEX 7)
14. Has an Adolescent Treatment Program; Has Problems Getting Referrals (ORL 20)
15. New Beginning Restoration Program Has 95% Success Rate (ORL 27)
16. Parent/Child Relationship is Key; Respect on Both Sides is Key (ORL 27)
17. Could Not Start a Drug Court in Washington Because of Lack of Transportation (TAM 11)

18. Substance Abuse is a Growing Problem, But Budget Cut Every Year (TAM 12)
19. For Every Dollar Spent on Prevention, Can Save Seven Dollars in Incarceration Costs (TAM 12)
20. Spend Money on Preventing Drug Abuse (TAM 13)

**C. Parenting Services/Issues**

1. Need to Have Parenting Programs for Youth (EBR 25; LC 21)
2. Need Parenting Classes (LAF 8; LC 22; ALEX 14; ALEX 33; MON 10; JEFF 22; ORL 14; ORL 51)
3. Need Court-Mandated Parenting Program to Obtain Greater Parental Involvement in Treating Substance-Abusing Youth (LC 38; MON 10)
4. State Should Pay for Mandatory Parenting Classes for Teen Parents (LC 21)
5. Need Parent Counseling Programs (LC 41; MON 10; ALEX 1)
6. Need Early Intervention Family Strengthening Programs (ALEX 1; ALEX 13; ORL 11)
7. Need Court-Mandated Parenting Classes (ALEX 38)
8. Families of Incarcerated Children Need Support (ORL 38)
9. Need Parent Training and Support, Especially for Parents with Mentally Challenged Children (ORL 51)

**D. After-Care/Re-Entry Services/Issues**

1. Need Spiritual, Not Necessarily Religious, After-Care Programs (LAF 13)
2. Need More Resources after Incarceration (LAF 13; LAF 14; LAF 18; ALEX 6; ALEX 22; MON 2; MON 7; JEFF 12; ORL 21)
3. Need Funding for Re-Entry Programs for Juveniles (LAF 4; ALEX 6; JEFF 12; ORL 2)
4. Need Agencies to Pool Their Funding to Support Incarcerated Juvenile's Re-Entry into Society (JEFF 12)
5. Need After-Care Programs That Track Families (ORL 32)

**E. Juvenile Sexual Offender Services/Issues**

1. Absence of Treatment Services for Juvenile Sex Offenders (EBR 4; EBR 13; LAF 24; LC 26; LC 46; TAM 10)
2. Many Mental Health Professionals in Louisiana Have Not Been Trained to Deal With Juvenile Sexual Offenders (LC 46)
3. Treatment for Juvenile Sexual Offenders Has Not Been Defined in Louisiana (LC 46)
4. Need Registry of Treatment Providers for Juvenile and Adult Offenders (LC 46)

**F. Mentoring Programs/Issues**

1. Need Mentoring Programs and Volunteers (LAF 9; LAF 14; LAF 21; LC 14; LC 20; SB 4; SB 6; SB 15; JEFF 29)
2. Need Funding for Mentoring Program (JEFF 29)

**G. Shelter Services/Issues**

1. Need "Cool Down" Shelter Facilities for Children Kicked Out of Alternative School (LC 10; ALEX 16)
2. Need Transitional Shelters for Homeless Families (SB 31)
3. Need Short-Term Residential Treatment That Supports Family and Provides Respite from Ungovernable Children (MON 2; ALEX 37; ALEX 38)
4. Need Third-Class of Correctional Facilities Besides Secured and Non-Secured Facilities That Will Keep Children Safe for Short Periods (SB 29)
5. Serious Need for Shelter Care/Group Homes (EBR 13; LC 6; ALEX 6)
6. Lack of Shelter Care for Ungovernable Youth (EBR 4)
7. Need Options for Offenders with Behavioral Problems Whose Parents Refuse to Let Them Return to the Family Home (LAF 24)
8. Need Residential Treatment Centers, Crisis Centers, and Therapeutic Foster Homes (LC 39)
9. Need More Services (Locked Settings) for Chronic Runaways (LAF 24)

10. Create Regional Youth Centers and Outlying Satellite Facilities for Troubled Pre-Offenders. The Centers Would Network with Other Agencies to Provide a Range of Services, e.g. Tutoring, Mentoring Counseling, Etc. (MON 23)
11. Need More Funding for Residential Care (ORL 32)
12. Lack of Residential Facilities for Girls (ORL 33)
13. Have Three Tiers of Offenders; No Place to Put Juveniles; Florida Parishes Facility is Filled; Need Treatment and Mandated Treatment of Offenders and Victims. Need Incarceration for Serious Offenders (TAM 3)
14. Closest Halfway House for Juveniles is in Shreveport (TAM 4)
15. Increasing, Unrecognized Problem with Juvenile Fire Setters; No Place to Put Them for Treatment (TAM 5)
16. Need Runaway Shelter/Non-Secured Facility (TAM 6)
17. Covenant House Provides Emergency Shelter and Transitional Services for At-Risk Youth (TAM 22)
18. Need Intermediate Facilities/Group Homes for Juveniles Between Probation and Incarceration (TAM 23)
19. Girls/Boys Town Offers Emergency Shelter for Boys and Girls as well as Residential Treatment Programs Aimed at Assisting the Parent (ORL 49)

**H. Child Care/After-School Services/Issues**

1. Need After-School Programs (EBR 2; LAF 9; LAF 32; ORL 3; ORL 14)
2. Need Quality Child Care (EBR 2)
3. Need Accountability in Child Care (SB 26)
4. Standardize Licensing of Child Care Facilities (SB 26)

**I. Other Treatment and Prevention Services/Issues**

1. Need Week-End Programs for Youth (EBR 2)
2. Need Summer Programs for Youth (EBR 2)
3. Lack of Affordable Counseling for Children and Families (EBR 4; LAF 9; LC 1)

4. Need Improved Pre-Natal Care (EBR 9)
5. Need Family Strengthening Programs (EBR 13)
6. Need Life-Skills Training for Youth (EBR 25; LAF 3)
7. Need to Teach Youth about Personal Hygiene and Reproductive Health (EBR 25)
8. Need Intensive In-Home Programs (LAF 2; LC 15; LC 40; JEFF 20; ORL 21)
9. Need to Emphasize Individual Group Counseling, Aid for Mental Health, and Services for Developmentally Disabled Offenders (LAF 2)
10. Need More Services for FINS (LAF 10; LC 15)
11. Need More Services for Mentally Retarded (LAF 24; LC 6)
12. Need More Services (Locked Settings) for Chronic Runaways (LAF 24)
13. Need More Structured and Therapeutic Services for Children under 12 (LAF 24)
14. Need More Services for Female Offenders (LAF 24 ALEX 23)
15. Archways Recovery Center Program Works (LAF 29)
16. Free Treatment Does Not Work (LAF 29)
17. Parents Need to Be Involved in the Development of Community Centers (LC 7)
18. Need Parish-Wide Community Service Program for Kids Not Complying with FINS (LC 15)
19. Because Families and Kids Have Multiple Problems, Need Systematic Treatment Programs (LC 20)
20. Kids Need to Be Put in Community Service Programs to Build Their Pride and Self-Esteem (LC 20)
21. Need Services to Assist Sexually Abused Children (LC 25; ALEX 30; TAM 10)
22. Need Accurate and Prompt Reporting of Family Abuse (LC 25)
23. Need Programs to Educate and Assist Children in Understanding High Sexual-Risk Situations (LC 25)

24. Wilderness Children's Home Provides Counseling and Residential Services to Children (LC 34)
25. Need Transportation, Especially in Rural Areas (LC 38; LC 40; ALEX 1; ALEX 6; ALEX 29; TAM 11; JEFF 22)
26. Families Must Not be Forced to Turn to the Juvenile Justice System in Order to Find the Services Their Children Need (LC 39)
27. Need Family Preservation Programs, including Multi-Systemic Therapy (LC 39; ORL 3)
28. Need More Structured Activities, e.g. Leadership Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Beau Care (LC 39)
29. Education and Treatment Council Works (LC 40)
30. Family and Youth Counseling Agency Works (LC 41)
31. Need Quality Holistic Family Intervention Services (LC 41)
32. Allow Private Social Service Agencies to Play a Coordinating Role in the Delivery of Quality Family Treatment Programs (LC 41)
33. Need to Implement Programs That Encourage and Promote Self-Respect, Responsibility, and Civic Sense (LC 41)
34. Need Multi-Modal Treatment Approaches (LC 43)
35. Children with Multiple Needs Need Resources to Address These Long-Term Problems (SB 7)
36. Need Life Center to Provide Services to Parents and Children (SB 15)
37. Need Mobile Juvenile Services Program (SB 29)
38. Volunteers for Youth Justice in Shreveport is a Model for Rest of State (SB 32)
39. Youth Opportunities Initiative is Good Program (MON 1)
40. Need Character Interventions in Home (MON 12)
41. Need Wraparound Services (JEFF 24)
42. Need Alternative Programs for Juveniles with Disabilities to Prevent Them From

Entering the Juvenile Justice System (JEFF 31)

43. Need to Increase Alternative Services for Female Offenders (ALEX 23; ALEX 27; JEFF 30)
44. Need Better Living Options; Need Facilities That Offer Room and Board, Counseling, and Quality Education; Need Level Systems (ALEX 9)
45. Increase and Expand Services to 17 to 21 Year Olds (ALEX 16)
46. Need to be Very Gender Specific When Designing and Implementing Programs (ALEX 23; ORL 33)
47. Education, Childcare, and Family Therapy Funding Needs to be a High Priority (ORL 44)
48. There are No Programs for Latino, Asian, or Non-English Speaking Persons in Louisiana; Many Parents Have Little English; Need Culturally Sensitive Programs (ORL 46)
49. Need Treatment Programs for Juvenile Arsonists (TAM 5)
50. Need Continuum of Services for Female Offenders (TAM 6)
51. Youth Services Bureau is a Very Good Model, But Not Funded to Reach Every Area in Judicial District (TAM 11)

**PART 4. PERSPECTIVES AND STATEMENTS REGARDING  
EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, AND CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES**

**A. Educational Services/Issues**

1. Need to Look at How Funding is Distributed to School Districts (LAF 11)
2. Money to School Districts Should be Distributed Monthly to Ensure That Schools Keep Kids (LAF 11)
3. Need Alternative Schools (EBR 13; LAF 2; LAF 11; ALEX 7; ALEX 21 MON 2; MON 10; MON 15; JEFF 11; JEFF 13; JEFF 15)
4. Need Educational Programs to Deal with Discipline Problems (EBR 13)
5. Need Help for Schools (EBR 16)
6. Zero Tolerance Programs Not Working in the Schools; Good Kids Get Hurt by Bad Kids (EBR 17; ORL 30)
7. Concept of Marine Institute Alternative School (EBR 20)
8. Need to Emphasize Character Building and Education (LAF 2)
9. Need Alternative Vocational Training for Some Students (LAF 6; ALEX 5)
10. Need to Get School Input before Sentencing (LAF 6)
11. Need to Implement IEPs (LC 22)
12. Need More Counselors in School (LC 39; ALEX 7)
13. Community College Can Effectively Provide Parental Training Programs and Other Forms of Training (SB 3)
14. Need to Improve School Attendance (MON 10)
15. Problem of General Parental Neglect: Picking Up Children Late; Lice (MON 10)
16. Need to Re-Examine Suspension Policies of Schools; Perhaps Require Child to Perform Certain Tasks in Low Pupil-Teacher Setting (MON 10)
17. Need to Bring Prayer and Bible Reading Back into Schools (MON 14; MON 15; MON 19)

18. Need to Find a Way to Reduce Suspensions and Keep Children in School (MON 19; ALEX 21)
19. Need a System Where Both Parents and Children are Educated Together (MON 19)
20. We Have Teachers That Cannot Teach. Need More Capable and Concerned Teachers (MON 25)
21. Need to Educate Children About the Legal System and How it Works (MON 26)
22. Legislature Passed Act Mandating Alternative Education, But Act is Unfunded Mandate (JEFF 11; JEFF 13; JEFF 15)
23. Need to Focus on Special Education (JEFF 17; JEFF 22)
24. Louisiana is in Jeopardy of Losing its Special Education Funds Because of Program's Poor Record (JEFF 17)
25. Zero Tolerance Policies Should be Banned (ALEX 16)
26. Schools Need to Work More Closely with Juvenile System (ALEX 39)
27. Teachers Work in a War Zone; Could Fill FINS Tenfold (ALEX 39)
28. Need More Prevention and Treatment Services in School (ALEX 39)
29. Need Probation Officers in Schools (ALEX 39)
30. Parents Need to be More Responsible When Asked to Come to School (ALEX 39)
31. Need More High Quality Pre-School Programs, Such as Head Start (ORL 3)
32. Need After-School Tutoring and Mentoring Programs (ORL 3)
33. Hire More Teachers and Tutors (ORL 3)
34. Having Trouble Enrolling Her Child Who Was Released From Tallulah in School (ORL 5)
35. Louisiana's Retention Policy, Which is Based on LEAP Testing, is Counter-Productive in That It Leads to Higher Drop-Out Rates (ORL 8)
36. Need to Focus on Retention as a Prevention Strategy (ORL 8)

37. Elimination of Graffiti in Schools Has a Positive Impact on Safety and Order in Schools (ORL 12)
38. Three Types of Students: Those Who Do Well And Whose Parents Are Involved; Slow Learners Whose Parents are Not Involved; and Children Who Come to Play and Disrupt (ORL 14)
39. Need to Teach Kids Social Skills (ORL 14)
40. Schools Should Provide a Complete System of Care for Children, But Schools are Not Doing This (ORL 17)
41. Need GED and Vocational Training Programs (ORL 26)
42. 50% of Orleans Eighth Graders Flunked the LEAP test. We Need to do a Better Job (ORL 29)
43. Misuse of Zero Tolerance Policies by Schools is Burdening the Juvenile Justice System; Zero Tolerance is Being Used as a Quick Way to Get Kids into the Juvenile Justice System (ORL 30)
44. Pyramid Parent Training Provided Training and Resources to 900 Families with Kids with Special Needs (ORL 35)
45. There is a Connection between Education and Juvenile Justice; There is a Lack of Intervention in the Area of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders; Judges and Probation Officers Need Education in This Area (ORL 35)
46. Disabled Children are Not Being Respected in Schools (ORL 35)
47. "The Free and Appropriate Education" Required by Law is Not Being Provided in Many School System for Kids with Disabilities; Many Principals, Administrators, Hearing Officers, Teachers, Etc. Don't Know the Law and Therefore Don't Apply It Fairly (ORL 35)
48. Opposed to Sheriff Foti's Alternative School Concept; Sheriff Foti's Alternative Schools Have Bars Like Jails (ORL 36)
49. Reality Check Supports Entrepreneurial Programs for Youth, Field Trips, and In-School (as Opposed to Out-of-School) Suspensions (ORL 46)

**B. Recreational Services/Issues**

1. Beau Care, a Community-Based Recreation Center, Helps Children (LC 17)
2. Need More Things for Kids to Do in Free Time, e.g. Skate Parks (SB 25)

### **C. Child Protection Services/Issues**

1. All Sexual Abuse Cases Should be Investigated by a Multi-Disciplinary Team (LAF 22)
2. Problem of Grant Cycles, Especially for Small Areas (LC 13)
3. Potential Adoptive Parents Should Be Given All Information about a Child before the Adoption (SB 5)
4. Need to Listen to Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases (SB 17)
5. Anyone Accused of Abuse and Neglect Should Not Be Allowed to Turn the Issue into a Custody Battle (SB 17)
6. OCS's Policies Allowing Kids to Appear at Hearings Seems to Be Inconsistent in Many Cases (MON 6)
7. All Agencies Have to be Available to Handle Emergency Situations (MON 6)
8. Child Support System Overwhelmed by Problems of Abuse and Neglect; Need More Support (MON 10)
9. CASA is a Good Program (ALEX 23; ORL 23)
10. CASA Serves as a Facilitator for the Child (ORL 23)
11. Methodist Home Provides 40 Beds for Therapeutic Foster Care; Serve about 250 Kids Per Year (ORL 32)
12. Need to Break the Cycle of Abuse and Neglect (ORL 32)
13. Need Statewide Concurrent Planning (ORL 34)
14. There are Approximately 500 Children with No Match Awaiting Adoption in La. and Approximately 4000 Kids in Foster Care (ORL 34)
15. There is a Need for Supportive Services to Adoptive Families (ORL 34)
16. Need to Increase the Adoption Subsidy (ORL 34)
17. Need Supportive Services to Families, Especially in the Areas of Mental Health, School, and Social Work (ORL 34)
18. There are Approximately 4,000 Children in Foster Care But Only about 3,000

Foster Parents (ORL 37)

19. Mother of Nine Kids, One of Whom Was Taken Away From Her by the Court Feels That System Has Failed Her. Doesn't Know What to Do (ORL 40)
20. By the Time Children Get to OCS, Problems Have Existed for Years (ORL 37)
21. OCS Workers Have a Heavy Caseload (ORL 37)
22. Need to Strengthen the Family, Churches, and Schools (ORL 37)
23. Problem of Foster Children Portrayed Very Well in Submitted Essence Article (ORL 37)
24. Many Youth Have Themselves Been Victims of Abuse and Neglect. These Kids Need Treatment and Rehabilitation to Find What Their Strengths are and Build Upon Them (ORL 44)
25. Make Child Abuse a National Emergency (TAM 14)
26. Need Counselors Who Specialize and are Trained in Treating Sexual Abuse (TAM 14)
27. Child Protection Investigations Take Too Long (ORL 51)
28. No Beds for Residential Treatment (ORL 51)

**PART 5. LAW ENFORCEMENT, REPRESENTATIONAL, PROSECUTORIAL,  
AND ADJUDICATIVE SERVICES**

**A. Law Enforcement Services/Issues**

1. Lack of Proper Educational Requirements for Police and Correctional Officers (LAF 20)
2. Law Enforcement Needs to be More Involved in FINS (LC 12)
3. Law Enforcement Needs to Develop Better Ways to Interview Kids (LC 12)
4. Need to Better Train Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers on the Appropriate Ways to Work with Children Diagnosed as Having Mental Illness (JEFF 30)
5. The Institutional Counseling Program of the New Orleans Police Department is Effective (ORL 1)
6. Fingerprint and Photograph All Juvenile Offenders (ALEX 16)
7. Need More Juvenile Officers (ALEX 17; ALEX 20)
8. Juvenile Crimes Need to be Given More Priority (ALEX 17)
9. Difficulty Communicating with Judges and Law Enforcement Personnel Without Going Through Layers of People (ORL 10)

**B. Representational Services/Issues**

1. Indigent Defenders are Over-worked and are Not Serving Clients Effectively (EBR 24; LC 23; ALEX 10; SB 8; MON 26; ORL 28)
2. We have Assembly-Line Justice for Juveniles (EBR 24)
3. Need Adversary System for Whole System to Work (EBR 24; SB10; MON 21; ORL 47)
4. Need Attorneys to Make Sure Kids Get Fair Treatment (EBR 24)
5. Need Attorneys to Hold System Accountable (EBR 24)
6. Indigent Defender Pay is Very Low; Need Parity with Prosecutors (EBR 24; ALEX 10; SB 8; SB 9; MON 21; ORL 26; ORL 28)
7. Need to Limit Caseloads (EBR 24; ALEX 11)

8. Need Training and CLE Requirements in Juvenile Law (EBR 24; ALEX 11)
9. Need to Have Strong Legal Advocates for Child (EBR 24)
10. IDB System Needs More Funding (LC 23; LC 26; ALEX 8; ALEX 10; ALEX 18; ALEX 31; SB 8; SB 9; SB 10; SB 11; SB 24; MON 21; JEFF 8; JEFF 10; JEFF 28; ORL 28; ORL 47)
11. Attorneys and Other Advocates of Children Need to Understand Children (LC 29)
12. IDB System in Caddo Close to Collapse (SB 9)
13. Forcing Lawyers to Represent Clients without Pay (SB 9)
14. OCS Needs to Pay for Private Attorneys for Parents and for Children in CINC Cases, Not the Attorneys Who Sign-Up First (SB 11)
15. Need to Fund Conflict Attorneys (SB 29)
16. Lawyers Needed to Represent Clients in Juvenile Cases (SB 34; MON 26)
17. Need More Training for Lawyers in Juvenile Law (MON 26; ALEX 11)
18. Implement the ABA Report, "The Children Left Behind" (JEFF 8)
19. Need Well-Trained Public Defender System (JEFF 10)
20. IDB Attorneys Handling Juvenile Cases Have Heavier Caseloads Than Other IDB Attorneys (ALEX 10)
21. Need Standards and Ethical Rules, Especially with Respect to Caseloads, Training, Roles and Duties (ALEX 11)
22. Need to Recruit and Develop More Attorneys to Handle Juvenile Cases (ALEX 11)
23. Need to Involve Law Schools in Juvenile Area. Need Volunteers and Other Forms of Assistance (ALEX 11)
24. Attorneys Need to be Assigned to TPR Cases Earlier; Parents Do Not Get the Message until It is Too Late (ALEX 18)
25. There are Many Good People in IDB System (ALEX 18)
26. Need Appellate Assistance for Juvenile Courts (ORL 26)

27. Concern About the Lack of Juvenile Legal Representation; No One is Visiting These Kids in Detention, Not Lawyers, Not Parents (ORL 33)
28. There is an Inadequate Number of Trained Juvenile Attorneys Who are Willing to Work in Juvenile Court (ORL 34)

**C. Prosecutorial Services/Issues**

1. Caseloads for DAs and Indigent Defenders are Very High (LC 27; ALEX 19; ORL 16; ORL 28)
2. Rapid Turnover of Juvenile Prosecutors (LC 27)
3. There is too Much Time Between Time of Offense and Time When Charged; Need to Charge more Quickly. (SB 29)
4. Funding Shortages in Case Processing Throughout State (SB 34; ORL 28)
5. Against Erasing District Attorneys from System Through Court-Sponsored Diversion Programs (MON 11)
6. Lack of Resources for Prosecutors and the Children They are Prosecuting (ALEX 5; ALEX 19; ORL 28)

**D. Court Services/Issues**

1. Need More Juvenile Officers (LC 1)
2. Need Training for Juvenile Officers (LC 1)
3. Each City with a City Court Needs a Short-Term Holding Facility (LC 1)
4. Not Enough Privacy in the Courthouse (LC 7)
5. Courts Should Provide Advocates to Child Offenders and Parents to Explain the Juvenile Justice System (LC 8)
6. People Do Not Understand the Court's Process Involving Abuse and Neglect Cases; Need to Better Communicate the Process to Parents and Other Participants (LC 31)
7. Create Sentencing Guidelines with Provisions for Graduated Sanctions (SB 7)
8. Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts Need More Money (SB 10; SB 24)
9. Develop Uniform Sentencing (SB 26)

10. Base Decisions on Sending Children to Correctional Facilities on Seriousness and Number of Crimes and Age of Offender (SB 26)
11. Sentencing Guidelines Do Not Appear to Have Worked in Adult System (SB 29)
12. Pressure for Harsh Sentences Will Not Alleviate Problems But Will Only Place More Children in Detention Facilities (SB 29)
13. Part-Time Judges Need the Same Type of Resources as Full-time Judges (Staff; Grant Writers, etc.) SB 29)
14. Need More Court Dates (LAF 10)
15. An Example of How a Caring Judge Can Help a Delinquent (MON 29)
16. Children Should be Sanctioned in Terms of What is Best for Them as Individuals (ALEX 9)
17. Recidivists Should Be Treated as Recidivists (ALEX 16)
18. There are Too Many Delays in Juvenile Cases (ALEX 19)
19. Concept of a Suspension Court (ALEX 29)
20. Difficulty Communicating with Judges and Law Enforcement Personnel without Going Through Layers of People (ORL 10)
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23. Need Specially Trained Judges to Handle Domestic and Juvenile Cases (ORL 42)

**E. Clerks of Court Services/Issues**

1. Parish Clerks of Court Are Forced to Absorb Most of the Costs of Juvenile Cases; Need to Find a Way to Compensate Clerks for Their Services on Juvenile Cases; (ALEX 12)